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Dear Ms. Coakley,

As a citizen of the South Shore I urge you to recommend against the merger between Partners Health Care and South Shore Hospital along with Harbor Medical Associates. It is a fact that all care at any Partners Institution is more expensive than the identical care at any other medical institution. The merger would ultimately increase the cost of health care for people living on the South Shore. The idea that holding off price increases for 10 years is any solution is ludicrous-Partners will increase costs to make up that difference over a very short period of time. Approving this merger is a disservice to all the people on the South Shore not only for the issue of cost but it will also severely limit choices for health care.

My family has already incurred increased health costs due to insurance changes and if this merger is approved those costs will skyrocket.

Ms. Coakley please do what is right for the citizens of the South Shore and do not let this merger happen!

Sincerely,

Mary Quinn

